

Decentralized Community Center: River's Bend Park



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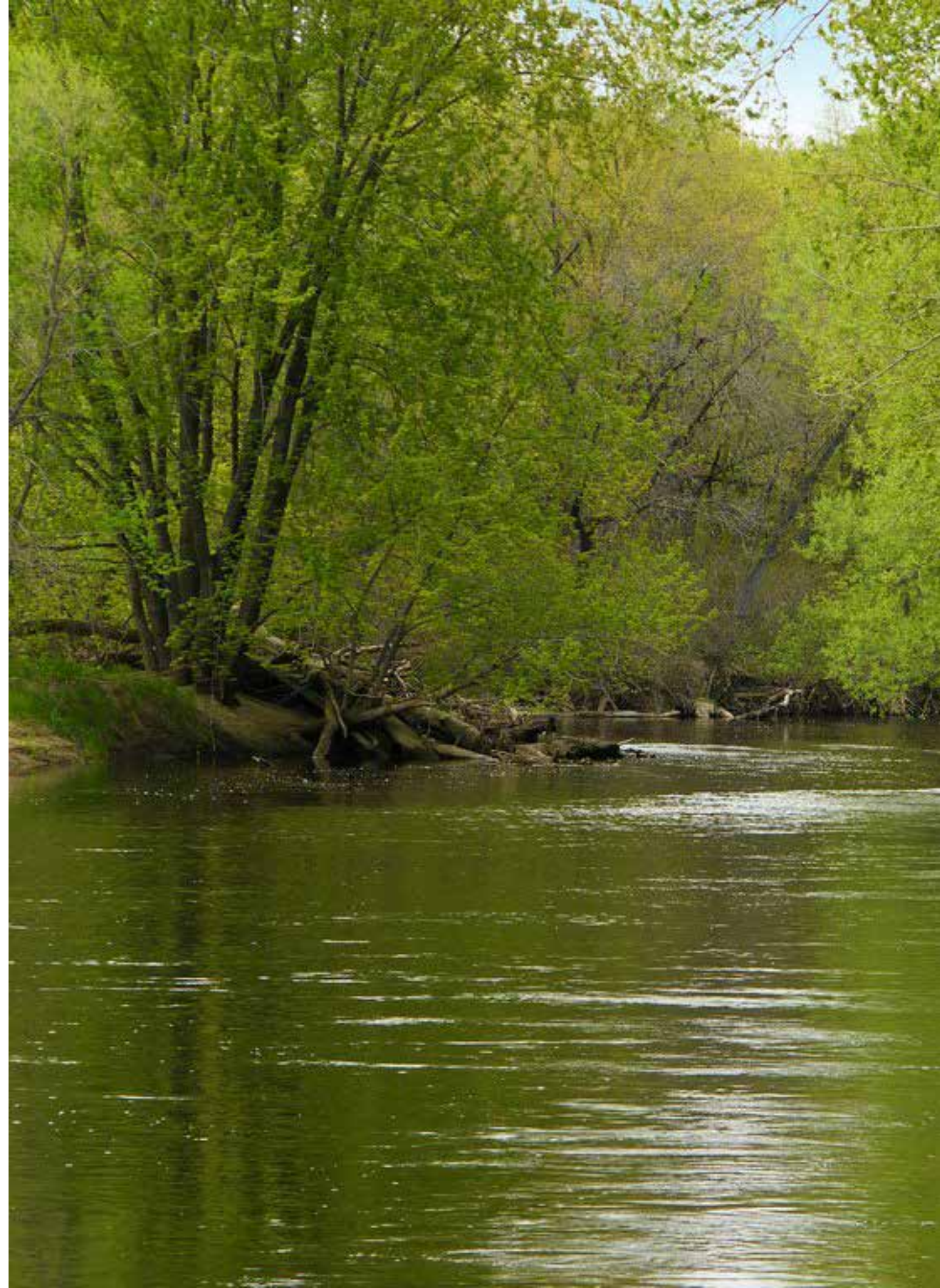
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Drawing upon the City of Ramsey's rural past and urban future, we propose a decentralized community center model with a set of standards that could be used for the entire community. We are using Rivers' Bend Park to set a precedent for the medium and small nodes of Ramsey's decentralized community center.

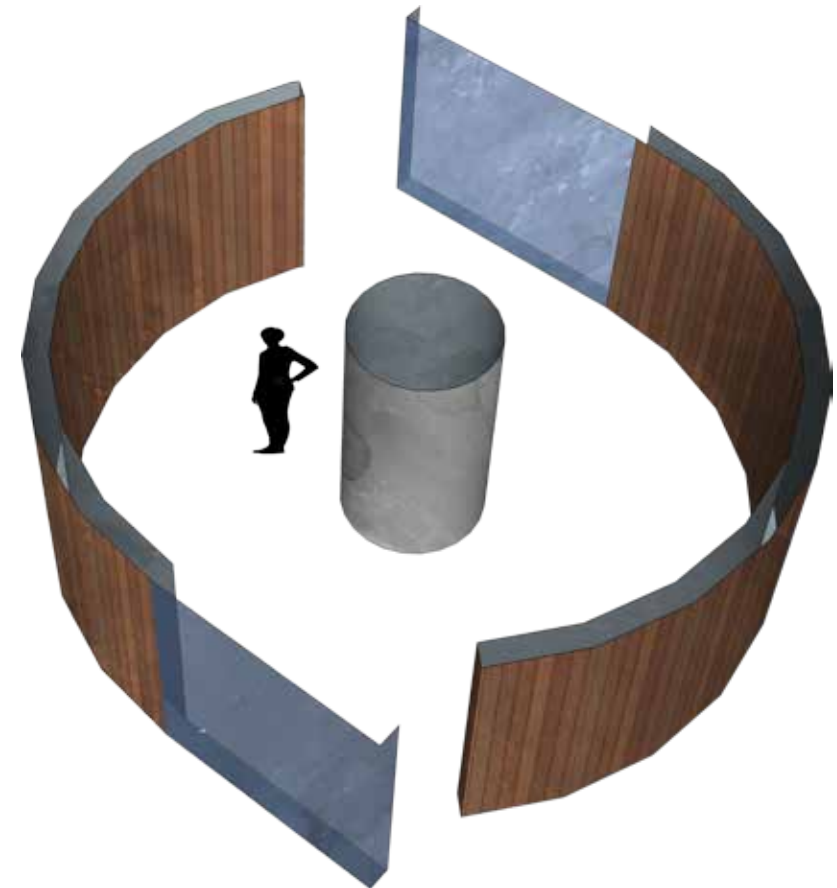
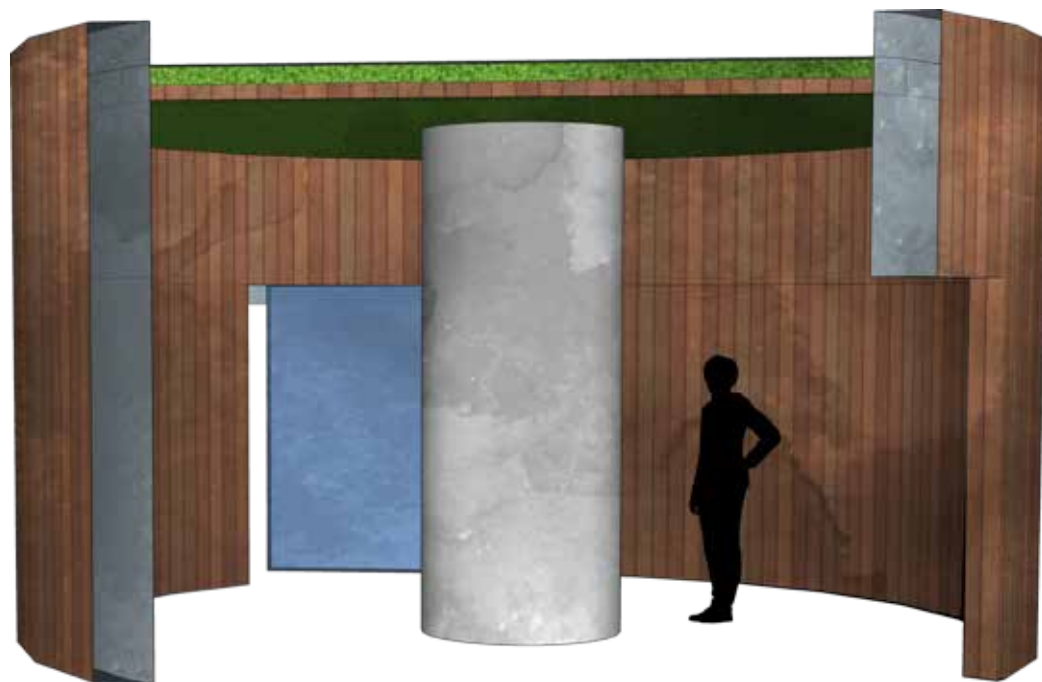


- Soccer Field
- Baseball Diamond
- Tennis Courts
- Playground
- Pavilion
- Observation Dock



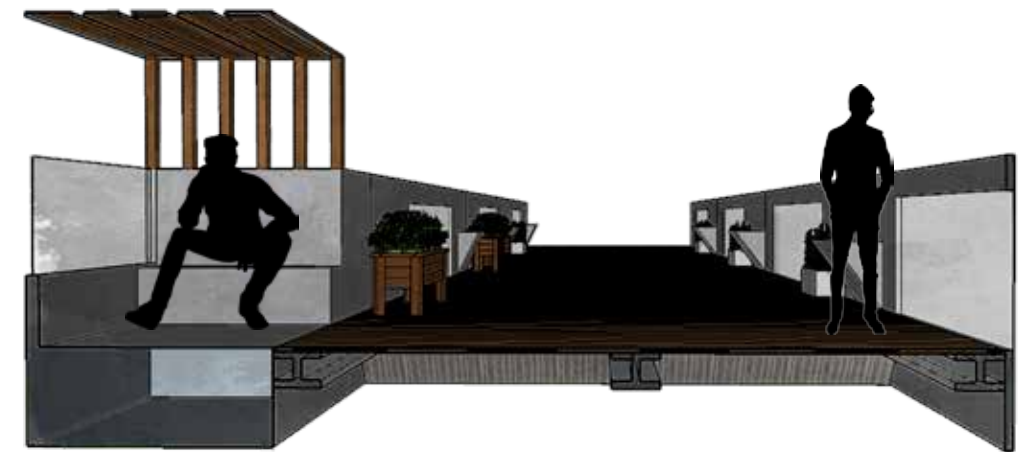
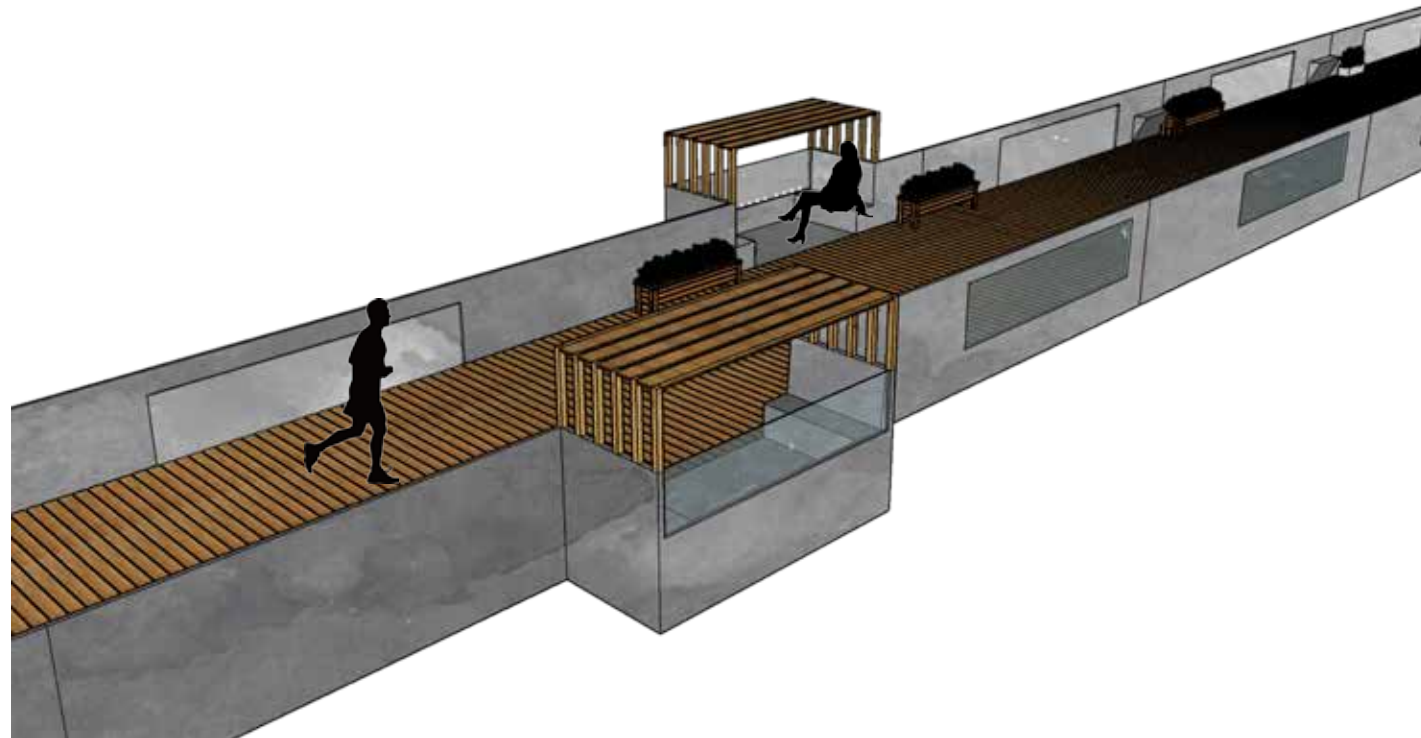
Proposed Node

- Park System Information
- Provides fliers for community events
- Shelter from weather
- Bike tire air pump



Pedestrian Bridge

- Connects both halves of park
- Picturesque & Interacts with the river
- Alternative to tunnel that floods frequently



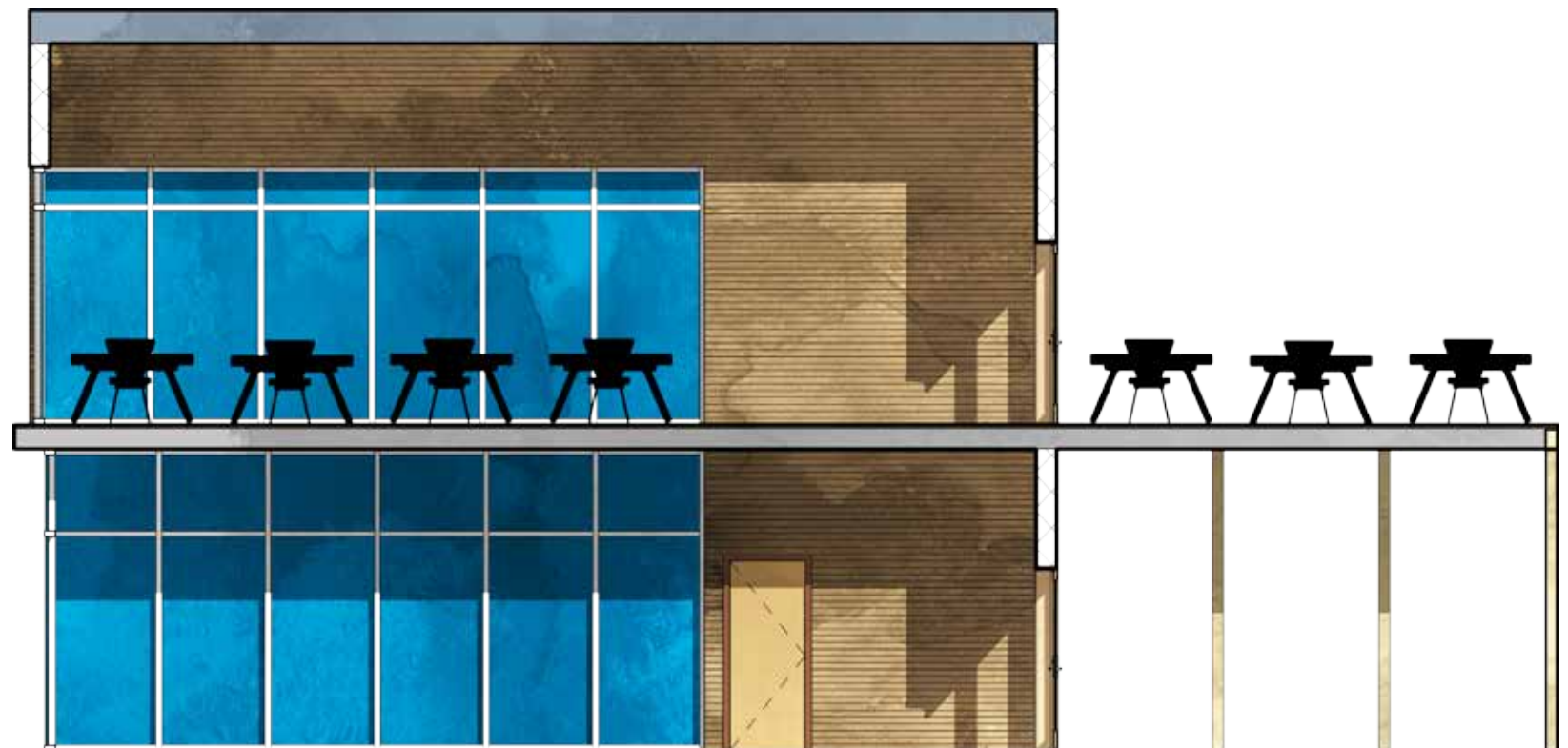
Crosswalk

- Allows pedestrians to engage with street
- Draws pedestrians into the park



Proposed Building

- Multi-purpose space
 - Event space
- Eating space
 - 8 Nearby restaurants
- Year-round restrooms
- Park System Information



Disk Golf Course

- Unique to Ramsey as there are no courses in neighboring communities
- Preservation of existing landscape conditions
- Low Cost



Rivers' Bend Park is one of the existing parks in the City of Ramsey with the most potential for developing and improving with new amenities. Our scope of work was to show that by taking full advantage of existing park amenities, creating solutions and ideas based off areas that need improvement, and maximizing the potential of the existing sites, the decentralized community center model can be a very successful and cost-effective solution for the City of Ramsey.